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Title : Biocompatible cement containing reactive calcium phosphate nanoparticles and methods for making and using such cement.

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action having a date of mailing of October 31, 2003, and is believed to be timely in view of the two-month shortened statutory period for provoking an Advisory Action that was set forth in the Action. It is respectfully requested that the claims be amended as described herein, and that the claims be reconsidered in view of the amendments and after consideration of the remarks that appear below and be found to be allowable. It is believed that the claims are now in condition for allowance and that this response requires no further search or examination.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification**.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.